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Letter dated 29 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a photocopy of the letter dated 23 April 1996 addressed to you from Mr. Mauricio Vargas, the Presidential Commissioner for the Implementation of the Peace Agreements, and Mr. Shafick Handal and Mr. Salvador Sánchez Ceren, representatives of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN), concerning the forthcoming completion of the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador (MINUSAL).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45.

(Signed) Ricardo G. CASTANEDA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 23 April 1996 from the Presidential Commissioner for the Implementation of the Peace Agreements and representatives of the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional addressed to the Secretary-General

It is our pleasure to inform you that this afternoon we have met with the President of the Republic, Mr. Armando Calderon Sol, and the Vice-President of the Republic, Mr. Enrique Borgo Bustamante, in order to consider the forthcoming end of the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador (MINUSAL). We wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity in order to express appreciation for the presence of the United Nations in our country since it is considered inestimable assistance in achieving peace and implementing the peace agreements signed at Mexico City on 16 January 1992.

In our view, we feel that it would be advisable to set up a United Nations group consisting of the minimum essential personnel (three or four officials) and led by the current head of MINUSAL, Mr. Ricardo Vigil, as your representative in order to verify complete implementation of the points that are still outstanding at the end of the MINUSAL mission.

We believe that this final phase in the verification of the agreements demonstrates the continuing determination of the Government of the Republic and FMLN.

(Signed) Mauricio VARGAS
Presidential Commissioner for the
Implementation of the Peace Agreements

(Signed) Shafick HANDAL
FMLN

(Signed) Salvador SÁNCHEZ CEREN
FMLN